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FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO: Department of State
FROM: Ankara 595 May 3, 1951
REF: Dept's Instruction No. 54 of March 20, 1951
SUBJECT: TURKEY'S POSITION IN THE EAST-WEST STRUGGLE

I have the honor to refer to the Department's Instruction No. 54 of March 20, 1951, with which there was included a copy of the National Intelligence Estimate No. 9 entitled "Turkey's Position in the East-West Struggle", issued by the Central Intelligence Agency, and to submit the following suggested amendment to Paragraph 7 of Page 2 of the estimate which represents the joint recommendation of my Service Attaches and the Planning Group of JAMMAT, and bears my approval as CHAMAT:

"In the event of general war, Turkey, if not itself attacked, probably would initially maintain its status of non-belligerency but would do everything compatible with that status to facilitate a Western victory. Turkey probably would undertake to fulfill any U.S. backed security commitment, entering into a general war even though not directly attacked. This participation would initially, of necessity, be limited to defense of Turkish territory and the provision of bases for Allied use."

*It seems to me we
said that but not in
the conclusion.*

S/ George Wadsworth
American Ambassador

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